

REMARKS

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2008, the unextended period for which is set to expire January 30, 2009.

The relevant portion of the previously filed response has been corrected above, in the manner set forth at paragraph 2 (PTOL-324) of the Action mailed December 30, 2008, in order to confirm that original claims 27 and 28 have been rejoined and are pending, and that previously presented claims 32-24 have been withdrawn, in accordance with the Examiner's restated restriction requirement at page 2 of the Office Action mailed June 23, 2008.

Upon correction, Claims 1-28 and 35-39 are pending, claims 29-34 are withdrawn, and claims 1-28 and 35-37 are rejected. Applicant's response to the rejections, including to the rejoined claims 27 and 28, is provided in the Response filed September 23, 2008.

Applicant continues to rebut and/or traverse the remaining aspects of the restriction requirement, including the Examiner's corresponding statements, for reasons provided previously and for others as well.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required to Deposit Account No. 061910.

Respectfully submitted,

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